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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9744

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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JOINT STATE/AID/USIS

ABIDJAN FOR WILLIAM LORIS, REDSO/WA

KINSHASA FOR RSO

AID FOR GC

STATE FOR L

USIA FOR IGC

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LOCAL EMPLOYEE DIVERSION USG PROPERTY

REF: (A) YAOUNDE 3558; AND PREVIOUS

(B) KOEHRING-LORIS TELCON 9/23

1. DIPLOMATIC COURIER ARRIVING ABIDJAN TODAY 1715 WITH REGISTRATION NUMBER 1927897 THAT CONTAINS BACK-UP MATERIAL ON OUR CASE INVOLVING POSSIBLE LOCAL EMPLOYEE DIVERSION USG PROPERTY. CASE IS BEING ACTIVELY INVESTIGATED BY POLICE. HOWEVER, AS OF THIS MOMENT WE HAVE NOTHING IN WRITING WHICH SUBSTANTIATES ALLEGATIONS AND SUSPICIONS CONTAINED THESE DOCUMENTS. WE HAVE REQUESTED WRITTEN REPORT FROM POLICE.

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2. POINT IS FAST ARRIVING WHERE EMBASSY/AID/USIS MUST

CONSIDER WHAT ACTION TAKE SUSPEND OR TERMINATE SUSPECTED
EMPLOYEES. WE FIND 3 FAM 974.2-1 NOT YET APPLICABLE,
BUT OTHER REFERENCES SUCH AS 3 FAM 973.3 ON SUSPENSIONS
APPEAR APPLY ONLY AMERICAN EMPLOYEES. FURTHERMORE, 3 FAM 970
ONLY APPLIES LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND NOT TCN'S.

3. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH LOCAL LAWYER AND, WHEN POLICE
REPORT SUBMITTED, WILL SEEK LOCAL LEGAL ADVICE COMPLY
CAMEROONIAN LAW. WE WISH GIVE SUSPECTED EMPLOYEES BENEFIT
OF US LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO EXTENT APPLICABLE,
BUT IN FAIRNESS OTHERS CONCERNED, INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE
COOPERATED IN POLICE INVESTIGATION, BELIEVE WE MUST MOVE IN
PROPER AND PROMPT MANNER SEPARATE THOSE WHO HAVE IN FACT
DIVERTED GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
GUIDANCE ON CORRECT WAY DEAL WITH THIS MATTER IN ORDER COMPLY
US LAW AND VARIOUS AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS.
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